

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Enrique V. Barrera, *et al.*

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sirs:

In response to the Official Action ("Office Action") mailed September 23, 2008 and having a shortened statutory period for reply of three months set to expire on December 23, 2008, Applicants submit the following remarks and amendments. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the remarks and amendments set forth in this response as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 6 of this paper.